

City of Branson

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NEWS RELEASE

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Liquor Compliance Checks Show Improvement

The City of Branson recently conducted random compliance checks of establishments with City of Branson liquor licenses to determine if clerks are verifying that the purchaser is of legal age to buy alcohol. Branson Police officers worked with the assistance of minors to conduct the spot checks of businesses throughout the City.

On Saturday, December 12, 2015, 103 businesses were checked for compliance. The results showed that 96 businesses were in compliance with the liquor code. This is a 93% compliance rate; a rate which has been steadily improving over the 72% compliance rate achieved just a few years ago.

The City credits the improvements in the compliance for local businesses to consistent enforcement. Another reason for the higher rate of compliance is the training required of servers, cashiers and bartenders by the City of Branson. Each license holder is required to have their staff attend an approved "Responsible Liquor Selling" training session, which focuses on liquor sales laws and regulations and how to properly check identification. The City holds these training sessions every other month, with the next session being offered on February 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall. A refresher class is required every two years.

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See the attached list of businesses that failed the compliance check.

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LOCATIONS FOUND IN VIOLATION December 12, 2015	
Branson Center Stage Grill & Bar	1810 W. Highway 76
Charlie's Steak Ribs & Ale	3009 W. Hwy 76
Garfield's Restaurant & Pub	1221 Branson Landing
Greek Gyros & Deli	111 East Main Street
Starvin Marvins	3400 W. Hwy 76
Time Out Sports Bar & Grill	3265 Falls Pkwy, Suite Z
White River Fish Company	5 Bass Pro Drive